



TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006 - 6:00 pm

San Bruno City Hall
567 El Camino Real
San Bruno, CA 94066

MINUTES

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS -

A. ROLL CALL

<u>TSPC Members:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
(Acting Chair) Sol Weiner	X	
(Vice-Chair) Peter Jalilie		X
John Giuseponi	X	
Mark Howard	X	
Doris Maez		X

Staff in Attendance:

Steve Davis, Public Works Department
Frans Lind, Public Works Department
Marc Catalano, Police Department

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved with the following correction noted by John Giuseponi on page 1: Replace "City Clerk Carol Bonner swore in new committee member Mark Howard, Doris Maez and John Giuseponi" with "City Clerk Carol Bonner swore in new committee member Mark Howard, Doris Maez and Sol Weiner". Motion to approve with noted changes by John Giuseponi, seconded by Mark Howard (M/Giuseponi, S/Howard: 3-0-0) Approved.

3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None.

4. COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Nomination of new chair and vice chair for 2007 will be postponed until the January meeting.

5. ORIENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

City Engineer Steve Davis wanted to review the duties of Committee members to assist in the orientation of new member Mark Howard. Steve brought copies of Section 7.08.040 of the San Bruno Municipal Code and this defines the responsibilities of the TSPC. This was addressed at the last meeting to agree on the boundaries of what items can be handled administratively by City staff versus items that are presented for review by the Committee. Sol Weiner concurred that this would streamline the Committee and staff actions. Steve reviewed the duties:

- a. To suggest the most practical means for coordinating the activities of all officers and agencies of the City responsible for administering or enforcing traffic regulations.
- b. To assist in the preparation and publication of traffic reports.
- c. To receive complaints regarding traffic matters.
- d. To recommend to the City Council and the Traffic Engineer methods of improvement of traffic conditions.
- e. To recommend to the City Council the designation, establishment or enactment of any of the following:
 - One-way streets
 - Main arterial highways
 - Through streets
 - Intersections of which vehicles are required to stop – STOP signs, stoplights, or traffic signals
 - Roadways grade crossings at which vehicles are required to stop
 - Areas in which parking or stopping is prohibited or restricted on streets or portions thereof or parking lots – i.e. red curbs and time limit parking – on public streets or public lots
 - Streets to which vehicles with a gross weight of 6000 pounds or more are restricted, such as truck routes
 - Streets or portions thereof where the maximum speed limit shall be in excess of or less than the speed limit which would otherwise be established by State law based upon engineering and traffic investigation
 - The enactment of other traffic control deemed appropriate

Steve clarified that City staff would not be making any changed or enacting anything new without consultation with the TSPC. Some items listed are generally broad and Steve asked for Committee comment.

Sol Weiner stated that the City Council, when they say yes or no to our recommendations, need to be aware we are the outlet to the public. The public has a right to have their requests heard and we put a lot of time into these issues. It is not right for the City Council to say they don't want to hear about issues that the members of the public bring forward. Steve Davis responded that if the TSPC approves an item to go before the City Council, staff will present it to the Council for review.

Steve Davis stated that City staff would only be directly handling existing issues that can be reviewed by the City Engineer or Traffic Engineer, such as an existing crosswalk that the City would like to add diagonal striping to make it stand out, that would be within staff jurisdiction. If a new crosswalk was going to be installed, it would need TSPC review and approval.

Steve Davis also stated in reference to orientation, the City Attorney has requested that the City adopt rules and procedures for this Commission, so Steve will be working with her on a draft that will be presented to the TSPC on a future agenda for review. Sol Weiner asked if one of the TSPC members would be able to attend the meetings with the City Attorney to give feedback. Steve concurred this template was available and can be reviewed and modified by the TSPC. John Giuseponi asked if this could be mailed to the members for review. Steve agreed that this will be put on the agenda and there will be time for review and meeting on this on subsequent meetings.

Alice Barnes, 5th Avenue, asked if other departments, such as Fire, had a request for a traffic item, would it come before the TSPC? Steve Davis responded it would. John Giuseponi confirmed this has happened in the past with both Fire and Police. Alice also asked if the City has ever had temporary one-way streets, or designation of one-way during certain hours? Sol Weiner responded that the City may be seeing more of that in the future, but if a request for this comes before the TSPC, it will be reviewed and sent to the Council. Steve Davis commented that City staff would recommend a temporary one-way street for safety or construction purposes without bringing it before the TSPC, simply to save the TSPC time.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Frans Lind reviewed the Whitman Way at Cunningham Way traffic lane taper and bus stop combination, in which staff requested red curbing to prohibit parking on the west side of the bus stop and west end portion of the lane taper. This has been reviewed with City Police and no accidents have been reported in this intersection and no vehicles have been observed parking in the recommended red curb region.

John Giuseponi feels there is no need to put red curbing at this location. He drives by this location many times each day and it does not seem to be an issue.

Mark Howard visited the site in the evening and did not see any vehicles parked there. He supports staff recommendation for red curbing for safety reasons.

Marc Catalano stated police has not had problems in the area, but does feel the merge lane is a safety issue, since it is available for parking.

Mark Howard made a motion to accept the motion, but John Giuseponi did not second it. Sol Weiner made a motion to table this issue to the next meeting, as Doris Maez was not present to vote. Seconded by Mark Howard. (M/Weiner, S/Howard: 3-0-0) Approved.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Frans Lind reviewed the complaint from a resident who had witnessed a visually impaired person attempting to cross at the intersection of Crystal Springs Road and El Camino Real. This has brought about a Capital Improvement Program for audible signals within the City. Caltrans was contacted and they stated they will install the equipment at no charge to those signals that are maintained by Caltrans. The City's cost would be \$500 per signal for the equipment and additional installation fees for any signals that are not maintained by the State.

Sol Weiner asked how many signals were being considered for signalization. Frans responded there are 36. Mark Howard asked if the signal at Sharp Park and College Drive is San Bruno's responsibility? Frans was not sure but would check the City boundaries. Mark Howard asked if the \$500 was per intersection or per signal? Frans responded that it was per signal, so it would be \$2000 per intersection.

Steve Davis commented that the City has not had a request from a sight impaired resident for these signals, but these devices have an impact, and can be an important addition for the City. Some residents do not like them, so we need to keep a balance.

Sol Weiner asked if there are any grants for audible signals available? Frans responded he could research this. Sol stated this could help offset the costs to the City.

Alice Barnes commented that we should think about seniors with poor vision as well as the blind. She also recommended considering an open contract for ordering as many of the audible signals as needed.

- b. Frans Lind reviewed a request from two residents for traffic calming on DeSoto Way as well as two four-way STOPS at this location. The intersection of Santa Florita and Bayview Avenues lies within the City of Millbrae and was referred to the City Engineer of Millbrae, who Frans has communicated with regarding this issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED

Alta Evangelist, 105 DeSoto Way, stated the corner at DeSoto is like a speedway. We would like to see speed humps installed. Sol Weiner commented that speed humps in San Bruno are being evaluated with the Cypress Avenue traffic calming speed humps.

Lisa Bonomi, 101 DeSoto Way, asked if there are other things that can be done to help with traffic calming until speed humps could be considered. Cars are side swiped on our block and we cannot get in and out of our cars safely. Mark Howard responded that your location is a channel of traffic. It comes down to police enforcement, signage, and education. Lisa asked if the speed limit could be reduced. Mark responded that if the speed limit is 25 mph, it cannot be lowered. Enforcement is the answer. Getting the police trailer out into the neighborhood helps the police identify the times when the speeding is the worst, so they can get out and ticket speeders.

Marc Catalano stated he will notify the traffic sergeant and get this issue addressed.

Jim Evangelist, 105 DeSoto Way, stated they came before the TSPC 15 years ago and they came up with a traffic count of about 3000 cars per day. Cities were not using speed humps at that time, but he has been involved with the Cypress Avenue speed humps and he would like to come to the next City Council meeting to let them know it is working. Mark Howard commented that the speed humps are causing traffic to divert to other locations, and they also become an issue for emergency personnel.

John Giuseponi asked if there will be a report made to the City Council in January regarding the speed bumps? Steve Davis responded that a survey was sent out to the residents affected by the speed bumps and the City staff has traffic counters out in various locations as well. We will probably make a presentation to the City Council in February on this.

Tom McDonald, 131 DeSoto Way, stated he is at the prime spot for speeders and he spearheaded the requests for speed control 15 years ago. He feels shorted because our neighborhood started this request 15 years ago and we have been suffering with speeding for years. Staging a police officer at the busy times would be perfect. His car has been hit three times and has had mirrors knocked off.

Alice Barnes, 544 5th Avenue, stated she is opposed to speed humps. These are very bumpy when you are traveling in an ambulance. She also stated she sent in a letter in September regarding speeding on Third Avenue. John Giuseponi asked if she received a response to her letter. She stated she did not receive an official response, but unofficially she did discuss the issues and was aware of the speed hump project on Cypress. She would like to see one-way temporarily operational signs during school hours. Sol Weiner stated it is on the agenda, but it does take time.

Mark Howard responded that the TSPC does want to fix this problem. There are new speed hump designs and pedestrian problems are a priority. Call the police on reckless drivers as much as possible. There is also a radar trailer request form on the City website.

John Giuseponi stressed that the neighbors should gather as many people as possible to come to the City Council meeting and speak out as loud as possible on this issue.

8. STAFF UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- A. Frans Lind stated a consultant was chosen for the design of the signal at the Shelter Creek / Crestmoor intersection and a set of plans can be made available to the Committee to review. An encroachment permit will need to be pulled from Caltrans.

- B. City staff met with the Belle Air School Principal to review safety concerns and student crossing locations. There are concerns with the safety when parents drop off and pick up their children. A crosswalk along the back of the school could be developed by the train tracks. Also a resident did come to the counter to voice her concerns about the safety of the children crossing along 1st Avenue.
- C. Frans Lind reviewed the petition by residents for an improved crosswalk at San Bruno Avenue and Easton. Frans reviewed the location and recommended a single crosswalk along the east side where there is a street light, to make the crosswalk highly visible and to delete the other crosswalks. Mark Howard stated there was a fatal accident in front of Araujos Restaurant. If we take away the crosswalks in the other locations, they will still be able to cross there. Sol Weiner asked if it is on the schedule for the TSPC to review? Frans confirmed that it is on the schedule for review.
- D. John Giuseponi asked for an update on the Safety Improvement Program with Caltrain? Steve Davis responded construction would begin in about a year and a half.

9. ADJOURNMENT –

Motion: To adjourn the Traffic Safety and Parking Committee (TSPC) meeting until it's next regular scheduled meeting on January 3, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

(M/Giuseponi, S/Weiner): 4-0-0 - Approved. Meeting Adjourned, 8:00 pm.